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AMERICAN FACTORY EXPLOSION.

MANY PEOPLE INJURED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PEORIA, (ILLINOIS), January 3.

A terrific explosion believed to have been due to the ignition of dust in a corn products factory, the neighbouring town of Pekin, resulted in many being killed and injured. The explosion was followed by a fire which spread to the adjoining buildings and burned fiercely, preventing access. Eighty persons have already been sent to hospital.

LATER.

Of the 76 persons employed on the nightshift in the building where the explosion occurred, only 28 are known to have escaped. Physicians fear many in hospital will succumb to severe burns. Survivors say there were two explosions in rapid succession, the second being the severer.—Reuter's American Service.

THE CASUALTIES.

PEKIN, January 3.

The corn products company states that the casualties from the explosion are 35 dead, six missing, eleven probably fatally burned and thirty-one others injured.—Reuter's American Service.

GERMAN DYE PATENTS.

LITIGATION IN AMERICA.

WILMINGTON (DELAWARE), January 3.

The Federal District Court has sustained the sale of 5,700 German dye chemical patents to the chemical foundation which was incorporated by the Alien Property Custodian during the war. The Government sought to have the sale set aside as unconstitutional. An appeal is being taken to the Supreme Court.—Reuter's American Service.

COAL FOR CANADA.

WELSH COLLIERIES' SCHEME.

MONTREAL, January 3.

It is announced that a company has been formed including Sir Alfred Mond and representatives of other Welsh colliery interests to instal a complete breaking plant in Montreal for the purpose of handling Welsh anthracite of sizes required for Canadian trade. It is stated that the plant will be ready to deal with shipments of coal by the opening of the coming navigation season and Welsh coal interests are prepared to ship in the first year a minimum of a hundred thousand tons of anthracite to Canada.

PARIS FLOODS.

SITUATION STILL CRITICAL.

PARIS, January 3.

The flood situation is still critical and amazing scenes reminiscent of war-time are being enacted in Paris and the riverside suburbs. The Seine on Thursday was 21 feet above normal. The flood burst the barriers at Alfortville and inundated the town, the population of three thousand evacuating. Work was suspended in the various factories and mills.

PIRACIES.

GUARDS AND GRILLS.

C.S.P.'S VIEWS.

As a result of a letter addressed to the China Mail by "Five-Eighths" on the subject of the "Hydrangea" piracy, in which it was stated that the Indian guards were locked themselves in a room and that they only came out when the captain, under piratical escort, gave them an assurance that no danger was to be feared, inquiries were made of the Captain Superintendent of Police (Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe) with a view to clearing up the rumour concerning the alleged conduct of the guards.

Mr. Wolfe said that there was nothing strange in the conduct of the "Hydrangea's" guards, as the best thing they could have done under the circumstances, was to assemble in a locked room. Even if they could not put down the piracy, they would have been a thorn in the pirates' side till they had been shot down or otherwise subdued. In his opinion, the pirates were only too glad to ask the guards to come out as danger to them from that direction would be removed. Nevertheless, said Mr. Wolfe, the average Indian guard on ships trading out of Hongkong, were as good as any that could be engaged for that class of work, and given a reasonable chance, they would put up a good fight. But in the case of the "Hydrangea's" resistance would have been of little avail when the pirates had already got the upper hand through having seven (out of nine) passengers in the first class.

While on the subject of piracies in general, the C.S.P. pointed out that some of the older ships did not lend themselves to the highest pitch of efficiency in carrying out the regulations and thereby preventing piracy. He pointed to the "Lung-shan," and the new Indo-China steamer "Suisang," as having been built so that facilities for resisting pirates, were suitably installed, adding that all that was needed was just careful supervision to see that the provisions were rigidly carried out. Even on the other ships, said Mr. Wolfe, if the regulations were strictly enforced and no slackness was permitted, he would dare any gang of pirates to attempt making a haul on them.

Asked if any inquiries would be made, or any commission appointed, to go into the question of the piracies of the "Suisang" and the "Hydrangea," the C.S.P. said that the Police Department had turned in reports to the Government and it was not for him to decide. Personally, he did not think that anything would come of such a course, as the subject had been very carefully gone into previously. He was firmly of the opinion that if shipowners and masters saw to it that the Piracy Regulations were always carried out and the regulations never relaxed, the possibility of a piracy on even one of the oldest ships was very remote. To further explain this, Mr. Wolfe explained that the police now locked up the grills on ships leaving here, but if they were opened during the voyage for the collection of fares and the passing up of meals, the precautions before leaving Hongkong would be more or less nullified. He thought pirates on the look-out for prey would give a wide berth to ships on which

they saw that the precautions were never relaxed. As an alternative, the C.S.P. suggested that the requisite number of men belonging to the commodore or other department be locked up in the various compartments before the ship sailed so that intercourse during the trip could be made through the grills without them having to be opened.

Canton Travellers Note.

From other officers, it is learnt that the present working of the police require ships for Canton to be empty of passengers till three hours before the time of sailing. This was necessary to facilitate searching of the vessel itself. The passengers would be allowed to embark within three hours of sailing and would be examined as they went on board. The ship's grills would be locked a quarter of an hour before the time of leaving but passengers could still get on board by the gangways.

The New Year golf competitions were won by—Mixed Foursome, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stark, 5 down, Bogey Pool, Mr. F. S. Harrison, 2 up.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday, the Chairman (Mr. G. R. Sayer) opposed an application for water closets at Nos. 6 and 8, Wing Kut Street on the grounds that the buildings in question were unfit for such installation and that the buildings might be agitated as tenements. Dr. Osorio held the view that the application should be granted on certain stipulations to which Mr. Wong Kwong-tin agreed. After further discussion, the minutes of the sub-committee were passed.

FULL FATHOMS DEEP.

"DIXMUDE" WRECKAGE DISCOVERED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

MARSEILLES, January 3.

Following the discovery of charred aluminium and burnt pieces of rubber-coated fabric, in various places on the west coast of Sardinia, an observation balloon has by wireless announced the discovery of the wreckage of the "Dixmude," 120 feet deep in the sea south of San Marco. The wreckage was strewn for a radius of half a mile. Drugging operations have begun at Bizerta and a report states that two bodies have been recovered in the sea off Anaxado.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH.

CLERGYMAN INDICTED.

DALLAS (TEXAS), January.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese announces that the Rev. Lee Heaton Young, clergyman of the Episcopal Church, will forthwith be placed on trial for expressing in a course of sermons in New York, doubt concerning the virgin birth of Christ. His opinions have recently aroused a storm of protest. Proceedings against him are described as part of a movement to cleanse the Episcopal Church of Modernism.

HOME POLITICS.

LABOUR AND THE CROWN.

LONDON, January 3.

In a speech at Tamworth, dealing with Mr. Asquith's contention that the Crown could refuse Mr. Ramsay MacDonald authority to dissolve Parliament, Mr. Frank Hodges declared that Labour believes it can consummate its programme through the British Constitution. It believes the Crown will not impede democratic aspirations but if backstairs influence shatters that belief then goodbye to political evolution and we should drift into the rapids of revolution. He concluded that the Labour Party had profound faith in the impartiality of the King which no political intrigue should be permitted to destroy.

EGYPTIAN LEGATIONS.

MINISTERS APPOINTED.

PARIS, January 3.

The first Egyptian Legation in France is installed at the Hotel Majestic, Paris, under Mahmoud Fakhy, who is also Minister to Belgium. One of the secretaries of the Legation will be stationed at Brussels as charge d'affaires. An Egyptian Legation at Rome is already established. Seifallah Yaisy, Minister to the United States has left Chebboing for New York. Azizizet, Minister to Great Britain landed at Trieste and expects to arrive in London on the 10th inst. It stated King Fuad will probably visit London, Paris, Brussels and Rome in May and June next.

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Carmen-Sailing (instructional).

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A Quantity of
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Comprising:

Teak bathtubs, chestfield couch
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cabinet, teak extension dining
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bedsteads, teak wardrobe with glass
doors, dressing table with bevelled
mirror, marble top washstand, chest
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On View from Monday the 7th,
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Hongkong, January 2, 1924.

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Road and Lower Levels, and in
Kowloon, and New Kowloon.

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Five minutes..... 5 cents
Ten minutes..... 10 " "
Quarter hour..... 15 " "
Half hour..... 20 " "
One hour..... 30 " "
Every subsequent hour..... 30 " "

If the hirer is engaged
within the City of Victoria, and be dis-
charged outside the Western part of the
City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be dis-
charged to the East of Bay View Police
Station on the Eastern side of the City
of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half
fare shall be chargeable.
For 2 or 3 drivers the fare is double or
triple respectively.

II.—In the Hill District.
Ten minutes..... 15 cents
Quarter hour..... 20 " "
Half hour..... 30 " "
One hour..... 40 " "
Every subsequent hour..... 40 " "

III.—In the New Territories.
By arrangement with the proprietors
through the Police.

CHAIRES.

I.—Lower Levels.
With 2 Drivers With 4 Drivers.
Ten minutes..... 10 cents 20 cents
Quarter hour..... 15 " 30 " "
Half hour..... 20 " 40 " "
One hour..... 30 " 50 " "
Every subsequent hour..... 30 " 50 " "

II.—Hill District.
With 2 Drivers With 4 Drivers.
Ten minutes..... 15 cents 30 cents
Quarter hour..... 20 " 40 " "
Half hour..... 30 " 50 " "
One hour..... 40 " 60 " "
Every subsequent hour..... 40 " 60 " "

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THE GREAT NORTHERN TELE
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The following unclaimed telegrams
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Cohen Hongkong Hotel, from Kobe.
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Y. Saito Hongkong Club, from
Shanghai.
Yim Yip Chong Ching Street, West
Point, from Shanghai.
Wan Ching 231 Queen's Road, from
Shanghai.

Uyilkee, from Amoy.
Tia Lee 283 Queen's Road, from
Shanghai.

0689, from Shanghai.
Kwong Loong Man, New Mex, from
Shanghai.

N. LUND,
Act. Superintendent.
HONGKONG, 20th December, 1923.

EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRIAN
ASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO.

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the office of the Eastern Extension
Austrian Asia & China Telegraph Co.
(Limited):—

Hongkong, from Kobe.
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M. E. F. AIRY,
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HONGKONG, 21st December, 1923.

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Cough Up!
Tom Toomey had a fearful cold.
He sneezed, and coughing racked
him.

"Go, see a doctor," he was told,
As off to town his young wife
packed him.

The specialist, a man well bred,
Examined him by stages.
"Please pay the nurse," the doctor
said.

And Toomey coughed up half his
wages.

Range of a Sneeze.
The members of the Paris
Academy of Sciences listened to
statistics of germ-spreading collected
by Professors Trilla and Seiffert,
who have given extensive study to
the subject.

According to their calculations, a
man speaking in normal tones pro-
jects particles of saliva from thirty
to forty centimeters (11.82 inches to
15.75 inches). Coughing will carry
the particles a meter and a half,
while sneezing will throw them a
distance of three and a half meters
(about 11 feet 6 inches).

The particles will remain practi-
cally stationary for six seconds.
When they finally glide to the earth
the microbes dry up, but will ger-
minate immediately under favour-
able conditions.

The New Era.
The Committee appointed by the
Ministry of Labour recommend a
semi-university training for domes-
tic servants.

Gone, gone are the days of the
Sattarn:
The age of the "skivvy" is past;
For we're credibly told that the
nation

Domestic is coming at last.
Equipped with degrees and diplo-
mas,
She will please the most critical
eye.

And I'm now looking forward to
home as
I've never done yet!

I've engaged and got rid of an army
Of noisy, illiterate, frightful;
But now her soft accents will charm
me

To stay in more often o' nights.
I'm sick of the Jones and Ellises;
I appreciate breeding and tone;
And a 'Varsity maid with blue eyes
has

A spice of her own!

For her I shall keep a soft niche in
My stern but approachable heart;
I shall make a Cook's tour of the
kitchen

More often to study her art.
I'll give her a cushy appointment
To help her, myself, will be joy;
But there's one little fly in the
ointment

My Missus, did boy
HARTING GARDNER.

Don't for Church Goers.
Don't visit. Worship.
Don't hurry away. Speak and
be spoken to.

Don't stop in the end of the pew.
Move over.

Don't monopolize your hymn
book. Be neighbourly.

Don't wait for introductions.
Introduce yourself.

Don't choose the back seat.
Leave it for late comers.

Don't dodge the collection plate.
Pay what you are able.

Don't criticise. Remember, and
think on your own frailties.

Don't sit while others stand or
kneel. Share in the service.

Don't sit with your hand to your
head as if worshipping hurt you.

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yourself friendly.

Don't stare blankly while others
sing, read, pray.

Don't leave without praying
(God's blessing upon all present).

Two.
A few years ago two well-known
personalities arrived in London
from opposite ends of the earth.

The one, Rabindranath Tagore,
poet, philosopher and educator, was
the greatest living exponent of the
quality and tradition of his own
Bengali people and of the India of
which they are beginning to form a
conscious part.

The other, Mary Pickford,
needs no introduction. Walking
quietly along the Strand shortly
after his arrival, the Hindu found
his way blocked by a large and
tumultuous crowd. It had come to
pay homage to the movie star in
front of her hotel, while true great-
ness was justified in the gutter.

"There could hardly be a more
striking contrast than that between
Mary Pickford in her balcony and
the Indian philosopher below. The
screen actress represents the uni-
formities of modern large-scale life
in their most insidious and dis-
integrating form. She is a Martha
posturing in the guise of Mary, a
cog in the vast mechanism of a busi-
ness that is usurping and prostituting
the name of art."

—PROFESSOR A. E. ZIMMERMAN.

Sirange.
"BOUQUET AND TOMSTONE."

About three years ago a hand-
some young (N.S.W.) woman be-
came a widow, and a couple of
months back she promised to marry
a young farmer. The date was fixed,
and an order sent to a Sydney
florist for the bridal bouquet. It
arrived the night before the wed-
ding. On the same train was the
tomestone for the first husband's
grave—"Wanga."

"THIS WAY!"
Had to drive two cows with young
calf across a flooded lagoon. Got
the old cow in the water and pushed
the calf in after her. She circled
round, saw where the calf was and
sank her hind quarters until the calf
was on her back. Then she ferried
it over. The second one, a heifer,
simply took one ear of her calf in
her mouth and led it across.—A. S.

Did you ever have that nerve-racking
experience caused by a bit of mucus or
phlegm that stubbornly refuses to be
dislodged, but tickles and tickles until
it sometimes almost strangles you? Just a
few drops of Chamberlain's Cough
Remedy, swallowed very slowly and
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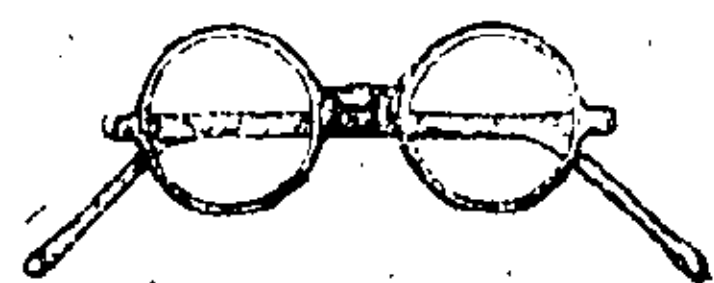
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APPRECIATION.

It is a fact that the callings which carry with them great promise of danger to life and limb, are very often the most ill-paid. Very often such callings do not carry with them great social positions, or prove a lever to be used as an opener to entrance to what are deemed to be the best classes of Society. These are obvious truths and without dispute. They seemingly cannot be rectified and have to be borne with a degree of stoicism which becomes a second nature. In spite of these seeming drawbacks, these callings invariably attract a body of men, rugged in disposition perhaps, often with intelligence above the average, strong and brave, who bring to their tasks a measure of devotion, which, in callings which can be very monotonous, is beyond all praise. Our thoughts in this connection it has probably been anticipated, lie with our Police, with particular reference to the very recent and nation-affray at Yau-mat, whose consequences we are glad to think are not likely to turn out as serious as might have been the case, and the official news of His Excellency the Governor's appreciation of the work done by the officer in charge at Yau-mat and those working under

and with him, particularly in the memorable battle which has already made history in Police circles. His Excellency is known for his brevity of utterance. His words are weighed carefully, and when uttered carry that conviction of sincerity which is immediately apparent. The men who therefore are singled out should bear this in mind and appreciate the more the words of commendation now expressed—commendation which the Colony as a whole will applaud. Distinctions will probably come later, and we hope there will be something tangible to mark the occasion. We are as a general principle against large monetary awards to Government servants who, presumably, are paid a suitable wage. But precedent has been established and devotion to duty and loss of health in consequence has been recognised. "The Cup at the Crossing" to use a somewhat familiar expression, has exposed himself to great danger—the danger of losing life, and by so doing and bringing to book law-breakers, "greatly discouraged crime in the Colony." Doubtless the matter will be considered in all its bearings in due course. We hope so, merely voicing at this stage our own appreciation of His Excellency's words.

Crime in the Colony will probably not have the same attraction it has had hitherto, but it is idle either to suggest or believe that those engaged in their nefarious ways will

cease their work. The good work of repression must therefore be a ceaseless one—of vigil and effectiveness. The eyes of the Colony are on the police and they have its best wishes. It is comforting to be assured, as *The China Mail* has by the Hon. The Captain Superintendent of Police, that our force is as well armed as these desperate marauders are frequently stated to be.

Death Dealers.

It may seem ironic that the interest from a fortune made by the manufacture and sale of arms and ammunition should be given to those who have been deemed most prominent in the pursuit of peace. Yet such is the case. If limitations in the manufacture of "death dealers" could be enforced, there would necessarily be a limitation to the number of deaths caused by the promiscuous use of firearms, and a decrease in armed robberies. It should be easy to introduce legislation limiting the manufacture of arms and a world-wide endeavour made to see that their distribution is reduced to the minimum. As it is much of the world's best brain power is still devoted to the perfection of the engines of death, and other classes of brain used in carrying on a business in them to their own selfish great profit. Someone in America we read, has invented a super-rifle with a magazine for twenty cartridges. Surely this is ingenuity and brain power and service, gone wrong. If the rewards are greater in this branch of activity than in others, it should be made possible to make the rewards in more peaceful activities just as attractive and if necessary just as remunerative.

Let the brains of every people be devoted not to the service of Death but to the ministry of Life, to healing rather than to destruction, to the building of the better world that shall redeem the follies of the past, enabling men and women to enjoy the best that life can give in security and hope.

"I haven't seen
CONCLUSION, yet," said about
later, Mrs. Jiggins.
"Didn't you hear," she fell off a
train and got conclusion of the
brain?"
"You mean 'conclusion,' Mrs.
Jiggins."
"I mean 'conclusion,' Mrs.
Jiggins—she died."

Have you ever considered the things you can't buy in Hongkong, no matter how necessary they may be either to your comfort or your existence? It is very likely you may be able to buy a Persian cat if you know where to go for it: a lion even, or a cockatoo. A monkey is not out of the question, or even a cockatoo, which of course nobody wants or buys. A ticket to Europe can be got with ease: a patent corn-curer or hair restorer, a buck scrubber even, to say nothing of a fleecy powder puff. A rifle ticket can be procured with ease: a thorough ticket at the next Race meeting. These and millions of other things can be got with ease—and money. But, try, O! try, to purchase a British penny postage stamp, and white hair will grow on a blackman's head before you succeed. We have spoken.

It may be old to some, but to others it may be new, this description of how two members of the opposite Universities would compare themselves under given circumstances. Thus the Oxford man would walk into a house as if he owned it, whilst the Cambridge man would walk into it carrying not a damn who owned it.

It reminds us of the description applied to a dignified individual who used to read the lessons in Church in one of our Colonial possessions. A colleague of his said it was the attempt of a Cambridge man to read in an Oxford manner.

A WALK should be considered as an intellectual pastime. The walk that ends in a saunter is what should be aimed at. Do not think you must reach a certain point, or go over a certain stretch of ground, or that you must know the names which science has given to the forms of nature. You have an eye for pictures, perhaps, well, look for them. Think of an autumn evening, the growth of summer dying, the tattered haze hanging over a field before you; a twilight, mystifying and glorifying, like the memory of youth; the trees on the hill top above you—the glory of the sun on the turning-leaves—All these are to be had for the asking. Look for some of them when next you walk out.

China Daily News in their behalf. Our sentiments in this matter are by now so well-known that we need not reiterate them. We hope it will not be long before some effort of welfare work will be initiated in this Colony for men who have for so long filled a need, and who at this time feel the weather keenly, yet without showing a smiling face in an existence which has but a miserable future before it.

One of the latter less important incidents of friendly international significance with which George Harvey, former American Ambassador to Great Britain, was associated in England was the dedication of a signpost in Ringmer, Sussex, designed to tell passing motorists that this old village gave to the world the wives of John Harvard and William Penn. The giver of the signpost was Lady Demetriadi, a direct descendant of the latter, whose wife was the daughter of Sir William Springett, a well-known local celebrity. Such little signs of international courtesy help to cement nations and peoples in no slight degree.

To-day's Poem.

(Voluntary.)
Here in the quiet eve
My thankful eyes receive
The quiet light,
I see the trees stand fair
Against the faded air,
And star by star prepare
The perfect night.

And in my bosom, lo!
Content and quiet grow
Toward perfect peace.
And now when day is done,
Brief day of wind and sun,
The pure stars, one by one,
Their troop increase.

—ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

WEATHER CALENDAR

JANUARY 4.
1690. It snowed hard all this morning, and was very cold, and my nose was much swelled with cold.—Pepys.
1832. The malignant rain has recommenced, which it sinks one's spirits to see.—Lady Louisa Stuart.

LIMITATIONS.

To know one's limitations is a mark of wisdom; to rest content with them merits contempt.
—DONALD HANBY.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.
ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 4.—Coronet Theatre; Laurette Taylor in "Peg O' My Heart."
January 4.—Star Theatre; Constance Talmadge in "Dangerous Business."
January 4.—World Theatre; "In the Name of the Law."
January 4.—The Grand Theatre; "The Heart of Maryland."
January 5.—Dancing in Palace Hotel, at 9.15 p.m.
January 24.—Fancy Dress Ball at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

LAND SALE.
January 7.—At P. W. D. Offices, one lot of Crown Land, at Ma Tau Wei, 3 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
January 8.—Lammert Bros., household furniture, at No. 3, Peak Road, 2.30 p.m.
January 9.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, Postage Stamps, 5.15 p.m.

OTHER MEETINGS.
January 7.—Hongkong Boy Scouts Assn. meeting at Peak Club, 6 p.m.
January 10.—Hongkong Jockey Club, extraordinary general meeting in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., at 5 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.
Lighting-up time to-day is at 5.52 p.m.

Members of the Hongkong Amateur Photographic Society have an outing to-day to Ap Lei Chau.

The total rainfall registered at the Botanical Gardens for the month of December was 63 of an inch.

Among the candidates who passed the University matriculation examination were three boys and one girl from the Central British School. This is the first time that British children from this school have passed the matriculation exam. Two of them intend to enter the University.

Shanghai has once again demonstrated its practical interest in, and appreciation of, the rich men who ply for hire in the City, by subscribing over \$5,000 to the Christmas cheer fund annually organised by the North

OBITUARY.

MRS. TATAM.

It is with regret that we record the passing away of a highly-respected resident in Mrs. Tatam, who died at the Matilda Hospital yesterday, at the age of 55 years, from sprue.

Mrs. Tatam was a native of Cambridge, England, and had lived here for about thirty years. She leaves a son, who is now in San Francisco, whilst Mr. David Gower, of Kowloon Dock, married a daughter, who died under sad circumstances in Glasgow in May, 1921.

The funeral took place last evening at Happy Valley, a large number of friends assembling. There was a profusion of beautiful wreaths, including tributes from the following:

Margaret and her Daddy, Roy, Margaret, Amah, Mr. and Mrs. D. Steel, Mrs. T. Neave, Mr. W. S. Bailey, Members of Kowloon Dock Recreation Club, Mr. T. Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. D. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Taylor, Mrs. Gellion and Miss Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. West, Mabel Pearce, The Chinese Office Staff H.W.D.C., Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh, Typist Dept. H.W.D.C., Mr. and Mrs. Kinross, Mr. and Mrs. W. Forsyth, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bond, Mr. J. Jack, Mrs. W. Taylor, Mr. H. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Purden and family, Mrs. Kemp and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Scriven, Mrs. Neves and family, Genl. and Mrs. J. M. Ramsay, Mr. J. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Dixon, E. R. Hyndman, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. J. Robson, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stokes, Mr. and Mrs. Bliss and family, Members of the Portuguese staff at Kowloon Dock, Mr. L. Guy, Mr. W. Russell, Miss S. Ellis, Miss L. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. C. Atkinson, Mr. J. C. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lapsley, Mr. A. M. Simson, Mr. M. J. Henderson.

MR. H. E. R. HUNTER.

The death of Mr. H. E. R. Hunter, a former resident of Hongkong, is reported by a cable. Mr. Hunter, was on the staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in which he served for many years either at the chief office or at various branches. He was the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen's predecessor in the capacity of manager, Shanghai.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Fourteen fresh cases of small-pox were notified yesterday.

Exchange on London is 2/4; on Shanghai 71. Rubber is 48 1/2 cents per lb.

"Rugger Raggings" by "Scrimmage" will appear in tomorrow's issue of *The China Mail*.

The Police traffic office announce that no stalls will be permitted on any part of Queen's Road during the period before China New Year.

The members of the Interport Rugby Team (Shanghai) are returning to-day at 3 p.m. by M.M. s.s. "Amboise," viz. Messrs. H. W. P. Meekins, G. E. Gooden, B. L. S. Webb, G. F. H. Richard, W. E. D. Smith, B. S. Stephenson, S. A. Grew, J. Shaw, W. Neil, C. R. W. Thomson, E. A. Jenkinson, J. C. Stewart, E. J. Dowley and D. W. Leach.

A number of prominent people went to the World Theatre yesterday afternoon at the invitation of the joint Chamber of Commerce to view the film which is being made locally in connection with the Hongkong section of the Empire Exhibition. After they had waited half an hour or so, however, it was announced that the film was not ready and that its screening would have to be postponed.

The postage stamps at present being issued in Japan, which were printed after the Printing Bureau in Tokyo was destroyed in the earthquake, are only intended for use for a few months, as their unimproved state indicates. New and improved stamps are to be issued in February or March next, when the Government Printing Bureau is again in working order.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

For gallant behaviour during the Yokohama earthquake Capt. Conson of the M.M. str. "Andre Lebon" has been promoted officer in the "Legion d'Honneur" and Mr. Sentout, Chief Engineer of the same steamer, Chevalier in the same order.

Captain Robert Dollar, Mr. J. Harold Dollar and Mr. E. F. Townsend of the Admiral Oriental Line and the Dollar Steamship Line, are to be guests of a party of business men numbering approximately 30, at 11 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8.

ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

PREPARATIONS FOR TO-NIGHT.

Almost before the Colony has had time to get its breath again after the more or less strenuous festivities of the past ten days, comes to-night the annual ball of the Hongkong Society of St. George. This morning great preparations for the event were going ahead in the City Hall which, with the help of bunting and greenery, town shields, illuminations and what not, had already undergone a wonderful transformation. Something like 1,100 guests have been invited and there is every indication that to-night's function will be every bit as brilliant and successful as have been those which have taken place in previous years.

Ball Committees.

The various committees in connection with the ball are as follows:—
Invitation and Reception Committee.—Mr. D. G. M. Bernard (Chairman), Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird (Vice-Chairman), Sir Claud Gower, C.M.G., LL.D., Mr. Justus Gompertz, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Mr. G. T. M. Edkins, Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., C.B.E., Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe, Mr. E. D. G. Wolfe, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Dr. G. Montague Harston, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., Mr. P. A. Cox, Mr. C. Montague Ede, Lieut. Col. W. Nicholson, C.M.G., D.S.O., Mr. H. R. B. Hancock, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., Mr. G. H. Pierce (Hon. Secretary) and Mr. H. E. Hollands (Ball Secretary).

Decoration Committee.—Mr. L. G. Bird (Chairman), Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., Mr. W. A. Cornell, Lt.-Col. Hako, R.N.R., Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, Mr. Thos. Grimshaw, Mr. Edward Cook, Mr. L. D. Martyn, Mr. G. H. M. Bannerman, Mr. V. Sarby and Mr. W. Greig.

Music and Dancing Committee.—Mr. W. A. Dowley (Chairman), Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. G. Grimble, Mr. T. P. M. Bevan, Mr. J. H. Donithorne, Mr. S. F. Chubb, Mr. A. H. K. Cobb, Mr. H. Hancock, Mr. G. Henderson, Mr. Balmer Johnson and Mr. H. Day.

Stalk Room Committee.—Mr. E. Cook (Chairman), Mr. G. Henderson, Dr. G. Montague Harston and Mr. E. Ralphs.

Card Room Committee.—Mr. A. G. Coppin (Chairman), Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. H. P. Winslow, Mr. V. M. Grayburn and Mr. H. C. Shrubsole.

Wine and Super Committee.—Mr. R. J. Wilton (Chairman), Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. M. E. F. Airey, Mr. A. Pierce, Mr. A. S. Exall, Mr. P. B. Cassidy, Mr. D. L. Ralph, Mr. V. Walker, Mr. G. F. Wood, Mr. A. Nicholson, Mr. W. J. Eldridge, Mr. S. Baker, Mr. W. J. Hill, Mr. V. C. Labrum and Mr. W. W. Brackenridge.

Official Supper Party.

The official supper party will be composed as follows:—
D. G. M. Bernard Esq. (President) and Lady Stubbs, H.E. The Governor and Mrs. H. R. B. Hancock, H.E. Senator J. Batalha de Freitas and Lady Leveson, H.E. The Commander in Chief and Madame de Freitas, H.E. The General and Lady Rees Davies, The Bishop of Victoria and Mrs. Grace, Mr. H. R. B. Hancock, (Acting Vice-President) and Lady Chater, Commodore H.E. Grace and Mrs. Pollock, Hon. Sir Claud Gower and Mrs. Stephen, Hon. Sir Paul Chater and Lady Brunyate, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock and Mrs. Gompertz, Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen and Mrs. Holyoak, Sir William Brunyate and Mrs. Bird, H.H. Mr. Justus Gompertz and Mrs. Sutherland, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mrs. Alabaster, Mr. G. T. M. Edkins and Mrs. Hamilton, Dr. Montague Harston and Mrs. Dickens, Mr. R. Sutherland and Mrs. Orpen Sanders, Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird and Mrs. Butterworth, Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mrs. Harston, Mr. W. A. Dowley and Mrs. Airey, Mr. R. J. Wilton and Mrs. Cook, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin and Mrs. Grayburn, Mr. E. Cook and Mrs. Cassidy, Mr. V. M. Grayburn and Mrs. Beavis, Mr. P. B. Cassidy and Mrs. Wilton.

Official Lancers.

The following will take part in the official set of lancers with which the ball will be opened:—
The President, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. B. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. E. Pollock, Admiral and Lady Leveson, General and Lady Fowler, Lady Rees Davies, Sir Claud Gower, Commodore and Mrs. Grace and Mrs. Gompertz.

Dance Programme.

The dance programme will be as follows:—
Extra—Fox Trot "Sweet."
Extra—Fox Trot "Toll her at twilight."
No. 1—Lancers "The Bary."
2—Waltz "A kiss in the dark."
3—Fox Trot "Anna Bella."
4—Fox Trot "Burning Wild."
5—Waltz "Sleep."
6—Fox Trot "Marche."
7—One Step "Out where the blue water."
8—Fox Trot "Hollywood."

\$8,000 FIND.

WHOSE IS IT?

INTERESTING PROCEDURE.

Curiosity has been aroused to such an extent by the report that a Chinese boy, twelve years of age, had picked up \$8,000 in Hongkong banknotes, in Des Voeux Road Central and had been honest enough to hand same over to the police that a *China Mail* reporter made further inquiries to-day. It is stated that up to this morning no claimant had yet come forward.

Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, the C.S.P., when asked at Police Headquarters, as to how the sum would be disposed of if no claimant was forthcoming, said that the procedure was that at the expiry of six months, the sum would be given to the finder. Mr. Wolfe mentioned the finding by a chair coolie, some time ago, of 100 yen notes. The owner could not be traced and after six months, the honest coolie was pleasantly surprised by the handing over of the note to him.

In the course of conversation about this marvellous find, a well-known old resident told the *China Mail* a bit of Hongkong "tradition" concerning another big find in the old days. The story goes that many years ago, a Chinese shroff was returning in a ricksha to his shop, with \$10,000 in big notes, the proceeds of a cheque that had been cashed. On missing the sum, investigations were made and the loss soon became known in all parts of the Colony. About a month afterwards, a ricksha coolie, while sleeping in his bunk in a lodging-house, overheard another coolie counting some silver. He suspected him and the next morning followed him on to the Shan Mei ferry. Information was given and the man was searched. All the notes were said to have been found on him with the exception of one \$100 bill in the place of which was about \$25 in small notes and silver. The man is said to have confessed to picking up the sum in his ricksha and to having spent about \$15 the night before. He had carried the notes on his person till the date of the story, concluding with an allegation that the culprit openly regretted his refusal when the information asked him for a loan of ten cents!

It is not claimed that the foregoing story is anything more than mere hearsay. At any rate, it would not be very remunerative to devote some time each day to walking the streets with heads turned downwards as Chinese shroffs who go to the banks nowadays usually carry their money in waistbands or satchels.

AN INVASION.

COMING VISIT.

Local shopkeepers particularly, and the public generally, will be interested to hear that 425 tourists will be arriving here on Saturday night, January 12, under the auspices of the American Express Co. They are travelling on the Cunard liner "Franconia," which is a new ship, of 20,000 tons, 624 feet in length and breadth of 74 feet.

The party comprises a large number of American bankers, doctors, lawyers, politicians, business-men, etc. and a number of prominent British people from London and Liverpool. Amongst the best-known are Mr. P. W. Wharmouth, a Cunard director, and Mr. H. H. Westinghouse, one of the founders of the world-famous electrical manufacturing company which bears his name. Don Vicente Blasco Ibañez, the noted Spanish writer is also in the party. Some of the tourists will visit Canton. Shore excursions have been planned for the short time to cover round-the-island trips, up the Peak, Kowloon and New Territories, Chinese quarter, curio shops, etc.

To-morrow, we will give a more detailed description of the ship.

It is reported that earthquake shocks in the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific on the morning of November 9 excited much terror among the natives.

FIRST SUPPER.

0—Fox Trot "Bary Goo Goo."
10—Fox Trot "Bambalina."
11—Waltz "Just a girl every man forgets."
12—Fox Trot "Wild Flower."
13—Fox Trot "Saw Mill River Road."

SECOND SUPPER.

14—One Step "piece of cake."
15—Fox Trot "Down in the farm."
16—Waltz "Nelly Kelly."
17—Fox Trot "Chauzonette."

THIRD SUPPER.

18—Fox Trot "Bimini Bay."
19—Fox Trot "Stella."
20—Waltz "Thru the night."
21—Fox Trot "Last night in the back porch."
22—Fox Trot "Love Time."

RUGBY FOOTBALL

SHANGHAI LOSE TO THE NAVY.

Dull weather marked the occasion of the match between Shanghai and the Navy yesterday. In spite of this fact that it was not a public holiday a good crowd was present including Sir Claude Severn, K.B.E., Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson, K.C.B., and Major-General Sir John Fowler, K.C.M.G. Before the "kick-off" and during the interval the band of H.M.S. "Hawking" played selections.

In the Shanghai team V. R. Jones of Hongkong took the place of E. J. Dowley who had been injured on the previous day. The Navy were as advertised.

The teams lined up as follows:—

SHANGHAI.

Full Back: G. D. Nicholl.

Three-quarters:

J. Shaw, C. R. W. Thompson, H. W. P. McMeekin, G. F. W. Richard.

Half Back:

R. L. S. Webb and G. E. Gooden.

Forwards:

W. E. D. Smith, V. R. Jones, J. C. Stewart, E. A. Jenkinson, B. S. Stephenson, S. A. Grey, W. D. Neil, T. Leach.

Captain—Mr. H. W. P. McMeekin.

ROYAL NAVY.

Full Back: Mid. St. Orix.

Three-quarters:

Ldg. Sta. Wilmshere, Pay-Mid. Wilson, Mid. Shaden, P.O. Shenton.

Half Back:

A.B. Dowden and Lt. Montgomery.

Forwards:

Lt. McBride, Lt. Menzies, Mid. Yale, Lt. Harris, Lt. Horton, Mid. Robertson, Mid. Palmer, C.P.O. Gough.

Captain—Lt. McBride.

From the start it was evident that Shanghai were feeling the effects of their match on the previous day and they also showed a wholesome respect for the hardness of the ground as witness their disinclination to tackle low.

Shanghai again won the toss and elected to defend the Morrion Hill end of the ground. The first third came when the Shanghai three-quarters got moving and Richard was pulled up just short of the line. The Navy brought play back to the half way region and then gradually took command.

The first score came as a result of a passing bout which enabled Shaden to register a try for the Navy. Yale converted. The Navy were now showing superiority and Yale getting possession in the loose got across to add a further three points to their score. The same player took the kick but failed to add the extra points from difficult angle. Shanghai attacked in short bursts but were invariably repulsed and eventually Dowden securing, gave to Shaden who cut through in great style, punted ahead and scored a very spectacular try for the Navy. Yale added the extra two points and half-time arrived with the Navy leading by two goals, 1 try (3 points) to nil.

On the resumption Shanghai attacked strongly and a score looked imminent. In a favourable position they were awarded a free-kick and McMeekin kicked a very pretty penalty goal. Shanghai continued to press for a time but could not add to their score. Another penalty was awarded them but McMeekin's kick failed. Towards the closing stages Grey was injured and had to be carried off leaving Shanghai one man short. Just before time the Navy further added to their score through Wilmshere who was left with the ball at the end of a passing bout and made a fine dash across in the corner. Yale failed to convert and the final whistle blew leaving the Navy winners by two goals two tries (16 points) to 1 penalty goal (3 points).—SCRIMMAGE.

LAST NIGHT'S DINNER.

HONGKONG CLUB FUNCTION.

The Shanghai Interport team were entertained by local Rugby enthusiasts last night at a dinner in the Hongkong Club. Sir Claude Severn was in the chair and supporting him were the skippers of the three rugby teams—Mr. H. W. P. McMeekin (Shanghai), Mr. H. R. Forsyth (Hongkong) and Lieut. McBride (Navy). Proposing the health of the Shanghai team, Sir Claude said this was the first dinner to be held in connection with interport rugby contests between Shanghai and Hongkong. He remarked that they had engaged a staff of learned men to go through the records, but no trace of any previous rugby match between the two sides could be found. He hoped it would be the beginning of a series of annual matches to be run in conjunction

with other interport contests. Commenting on the fact that it was more difficult to get satisfactory rugby teams than to get teams for various other sports, Sir Claude referred to the hardness of the Hongkong ground for rugby, and expressed sympathy with Messrs. Dowley and Grey (both Shanghai-men) who had suffered injuries.

Commenting on the Shanghai team Sir Claude said he had been told that six of the Shanghai forwards were unable to come down with the team. He said this deliberately as he thought it would form the subject of debate amongst the team when they arrived back in Shanghai. (Laughter.) "It only shows," added Sir Claude, "what a fine lot of rugby players they have got, and that we in Hongkong will have to look after ourselves." The games had been very enjoyable and the one between Shanghai and the Navy had many interesting features. He had been told that the Hongkong Interport team hoped to reverse the decision when they next met and in this connection their three-quarter line was going into serious training. (Laughter.)

Sir Claude concluded his speech by thanking the Hongkong officials for the great trouble they had taken in making arrangements for the match and the dinner. He also thanked the doctors for their services on the field.

Shanghai Captain's Reply.

The toast of the Shanghai team having been enthusiastically honoured, Mr. McMeekin replying on behalf of Shanghai, thanked everybody for their hospitality and went on to relate how arrangements for an interport match in 1922 were spoiled owing to the seamen's strike, but thanks to the efforts of Mr. Adams (a former Shanghai player) the present contest had been arranged. He regretted that they had been unable to fulfil the wonderful programme arranged for them, but as the team was working in co-operation with the firms it was up to them to play the game and to get back to Shanghai in time. He announced, amidst the cheers of the gathering, that two ardent supporters of rugby in Shanghai were putting up a shield for interport contests, which shield would be competed for annually. He hoped to be able to welcome the Hongkong team in Shanghai next year.

Mr. Forsyth (the Hongkong Captain) later proposed the toast of "The Service." In doing so he said they all recognised what a valuable training ground for rugby the Services were. The Army and Navy, he said, had given them wonderful sport in "rugger" but this year the Army could not produce a good team owing to the change of garrison and the new Regiment coming from Egypt where "rugger" could not be played. He hoped they would be able to turn out a team next season. It was a pleasure to have with them Col. Hill who had been a very distinguished player, having played at Blackheath and who was the English cup fullback in 1904 or 1906. (Hear, hear.) He concluded his remarks by thanking Col. Hill and Mr. G. G. N. Tinson for the splendid way in which they had controlled the games.

The toast was honoured with enthusiasm, after which Col. Hill replied. He jocularly remarked that his "rugger" days dated back to prehistoric times, and went on to say that he thought he was the first Services' Captain of the English team. There had been many since but they were all Naval men. Referring to the difficulties of raising a team from the Army he said that the Army Council encouraged officers to play the other game.

Lieut. McBride (the Navy Captain) also replied and made a big point of the fact that the Services were entirely dependent of the Hongkong Rugby Club for their ground and it was entirely due to this that they managed to keep rugby going in the Navy at Hongkong. He also referred to the fine games to be had in the various parts in the East and in particular to the hospitality afforded them by Shanghai players when their ships were in that port.

This concluded the speech making and Mr. Forsyth handed to Mr. McMeekin the Hongkong Interport flag, expressing a hope that they would be able to gain the laurels next year.

The speeches were interspersed with pleasing musical selections and it was altogether a most enjoyable evening.

TERRIBLE DEATH.

FACTORY TRAGEDY.

Through her hair becoming entangled with the revolving shaft of same machinery, a Chinese knitting-factory workgirl, eighteen years of age, met a terrible death in the Yau Sang factory, No. 65, Shanghai Street, yesterday. She could not get herself free and her body was slowly drawn into the machinery. It all happened so quickly that other workers nearby could not save her, and she was crushed to death before their eyes. The remains were removed to the Kowloon mortuary.

SINGAPORE TRAGEDY.

LOCAL DOCTOR'S DEATH.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, January 4. Dr. G. F. Wise Howarth, a local medical man, was accidentally killed while motoring.

CANTON NEWS.

CUSTOMS SURPLUS QUESTION.

DEMAND FOR FOREIGN FLAGS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, January 3.

Action in connection with the Customs Surplus question, is confined to the passing to and fro of documents, between Dr. Sun's government, the Canton Customs Commissioner, and the Peking Inspector-General.

Seen to-day on the matter the superintendent of a Chinese shipping company pointed out that if Peking admitted that Dr. Sun, as controlling Canton, was entitled to the surplus due to Kwangtung, Chan Kwing-ming may come forward and make a claim for Swatow and adjacent territory, as he rules that part of the province. Then further still, a rebellious commander in Chan's territory may claim a part of what Chan may receive until each man in China would be asking for his share on the same principle.

There is a growing demand here for foreign flags for river craft and houses threatened with resumption by the authorities. Junk, launches &c., flying foreign flags are now quite common on the waterways, the ostensible object being to avoid military requisitioning.

Canton politics is interested in the reported return of two of Dr. Sun's Cantonese adherents, General Hsu Shung-chi and Civil Governor Liu Chung-oi who left for Shanghai, allegedly dissatisfied with the power given to the Yunnanses.

The rumour about the olive branch between Sun and Chan seems to be a myth. At the most it can only be described as an attempt to start reconciliatory overtures.

CAPTAIN DOLLAR.

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ROUND-THE-WORLD-SERVICE.

Especially interesting in view of the big developments that have just taken place is the news that Captain Robert Dollar is shortly visiting Hongkong. He arrives here on Sunday morning by the "President Madison" from Shanghai, accompanied by Mr. J. Harold Dollar, and Mr. E. F. Townsend, the Oriental Manager of Admiral Line. Captain Dollar remains here until Tuesday when he sails for Manila by the "Madison." From Manila he goes to Java and thence to Singapore where he waits for the "President Harrison," the first round-the-world passenger ship which will take him back to New York. Mr. Harold Dollar and Mr. Townsend will accompany Captain Dollar as far as Singapore and then return to Shanghai, via Hongkong.

IN BRIEF.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CABLES.

Wreckage of the missing airship "Dixmud" has been discovered.

Many people have been injured in a factory explosion in Pekin (America).

An American clergyman has been placed on trial for expressing doubt concerning the Virgin birth of Christ.

One hundred Berlin metal factories are at a standstill as a result of a lock-out of 130,000 workers who refused to consent to a reduction of wages.

A resolution has been introduced into the American Senate asking for details of negotiations in connection with the sale of war materials to Mexico.

Three Chinese graduates of the Nanjang university, have arrived at Montreal with a view to entering the service of the Canadian Pacific Railway in order to study Canadian Railway methods.

The Labour Party, according to Mr. Frank Rodger, has profound faith in the immortality of the King. Labour believes it can consummate its programme through the British Constitution.

CRICKET.

H. K. C. C.

"MARRIED" v. "SINGLE"

To-morrow on the H.K.C.C. ground, at 2 p.m., the following teams will represent Married and Single. Teams will finish at 1 p.m. sharp, so that an early start can be made.

Married:—H. R. B. Hancock (capt), H. Hancock, T. E. Pearce, Col. T. A. Robertson, G. R. Sayer, E. B. Reed, E. J. R. Mitchell, H. E. Hollands, E. C. Hagen, H. Griffin and D. E. Donnelly.

Single:—R. E. A. Webster (capt), H. Owen Hughes, G. R. More, E. G. Lammert, D. V. Leach, E. G. England, A. V. T. Denn, G. H. Piercy, D. H. F. McMaster, C. R. Baron and C. V. Mark.

R. G. A. v. NAVY.

The R. A. cricket team selected to play against the Royal Navy to-morrow, on the Happy Valley ground, at 2.15 p.m. is—Major W. P. Hattersley Smith (capt), Capt. C. J. F. Bensley, Lieut. Hall, Lieut. Gainer, Mr. G. R. Rough, B. S. M. Page, Mr. G. Raymond, Sgt. Bell, Sgt. Skeet, Bdr. Dugrell and Gr. Green. Reserve, Gr. Dyer; Scorer, Gr. Bolt; Umpire, Bdr. Woods.

KOWLOON 2ND v. INDIANS 2ND.

The following have been selected to play for the K.C.C. 2nd XI to-morrow, in a second division league match against the Indian R. C. 2nd XI, at 2.15 p.m. on the Kowloon ground—H. Overly, W. L. Weaver, A. O. Brown, A. R. F. Raven, B. Petheram, E. J. Edwards, A. J. Kew, F. W. Howell, J. Fraser, E. Savage, and D. S. Green—Reserve, J. C. Long.

CRAIGENGOWER v. "VARSITY."

The following have been selected to represent the University 1st XI in a league match against Craigengower, to be played on the latter's ground to-morrow at 2.15 p.m. sharp—A. A. Rumsig (capt), H. N. Balhetcher, E. K. Quick, R. A. Ponsbury, F. M. H. Roffey, A. S. Heit, W. M. Gittins, T. O. Yew, D. Laing, S. Hachiuma and A. N. Oher.

C.R.C. v. CIVIL SERVICE.

The following will represent the Chinese Recreation Club in a friendly match against Civil Service on the C.R.C. ground on Saturday—J. M. Tan, M. K. Lo, M. W. Lo, G. Lee, H. C. Hung, W. Hung, Shi Yuk-kwan, C. Choa, Ng Sze-Kwong, C. E. Wong and H. Ching.

A DEDICATION.

I heard the sighing violin
Whispering of the night-have-been—
Intoning keynotes of despair,
Our fondest hopes compare

On Sundays when I go to mass
The organ blend, a thrilling blast—
With a sweet, beloved profile,
I see, treading down the aisle

Week-days, through streets a-linger
I see you willy-nilly going
With the stream of humanity
That means nothing to you or me

The motley crowd of passers-by,
That come and go, attract the eye,
But serve to show how far a being
You are,—One Flear Sans Epines

The glorious lustre in your eyes
Are wells of purity, mid-day
And lights and shades have made
your hair

Caressed each plait so radiant, fair
I love my books, art and my friends
I love my music's dulcet strains—
I love the flowers in Winter's dress

Like calls to like, a play begins,
Attraction draws each kin to kin,
Yet all the world stands out
between

Two studious hearts that beat
unseen
The cloud-ships sail over the sky
Another day has now drawn nigh
It's time to wake, to work and play
So we will wait some other day

—H. M. SILVA.

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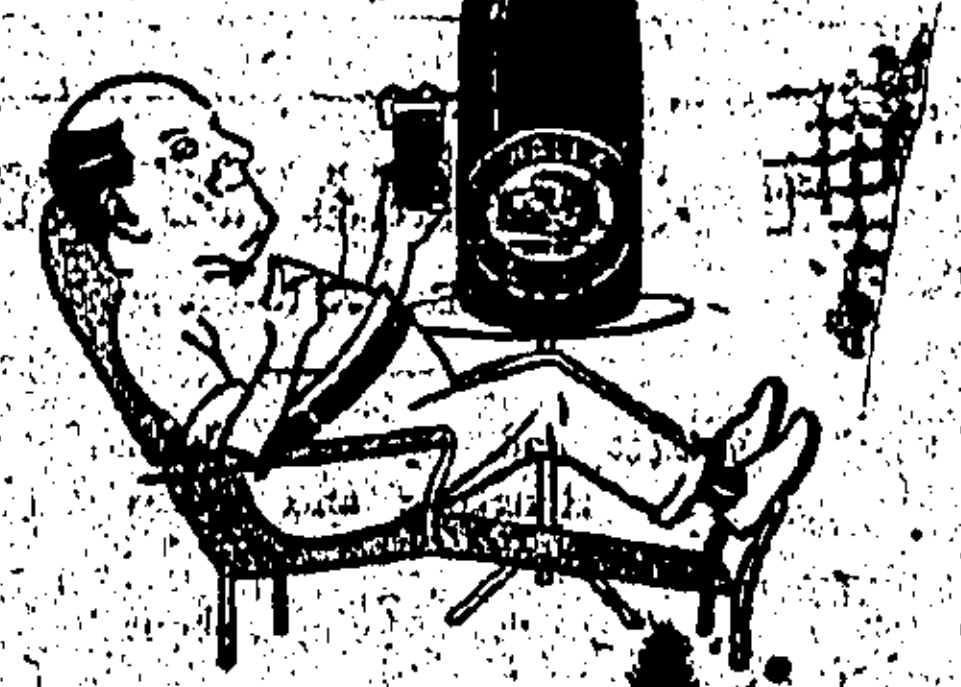
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DOPE SEIZURE.

STUFF CONFISCATED.

Following the abnormal seizure of nearly two lakhs worth of heroin on the s. s. "Fushimi Maru" exclusively reported in the *China Mail* yesterday, Mr. H. A. Taylor, monopoly analyst and assistant superintendent of Imports and Exports made an application before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, for the contraband to be confiscated. No arrest was made.

In his evidence, Mr. Taylor stated that the heroin weighed 5,280 ounces, was packed in seven cases, described as "harmless drugs" and marked FEC in a triangle, Kobe. Another application was in respect of 1,600 ounces of morphia seized in the Kowloon godowns on December 20. This was in 4 cases, with the innocent description of "colours" and were marked L.O., Amoy and C.M., Amoy.

Orders were made in both cases.

COMMERCIAL NOTES.

NAM PAK HONG QUOTATIONS.

For "spot" goods, basis usual guild terms, this morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations were as follows:

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Flour - per sack of 50 lbs., Dayton 2.78, Kwan Tao 2.80, Banana 2.75, White Greens 2.80, Nutmeg Orange 2.80, Maize 2.85, Big Gun 2.90, C. and C. 2.90, Reindeer 2.85.

WIVES MAY SMOKE.

HUSBANDS TO BLAME.

Wives who smoke are no longer liable to be divorced on that ground in San Francisco.

In recent cases (quoted by the *Central News*) one man said his wife smoked one cigarette after another. A second husband told the court that he and his wife got along all right until she got the cigarette habit so badly that she would wake up in the night and light a cigarette.

Another husband stated he did not object to his wife smoking in private, but she would insist on smoking after meals in public places.

He liked to smoke during the cinema "shows," but it humiliated him to have to hold a cigarette for his wife.

The judges of the Superior Court were practically unanimous in the opinion that cigarette smoking by wives is not a ground from dissolving the marriage tie.

Judge J. van Nostrand declared that women have the same moral right to smoke as men. Usually the man married the woman knowing that she smoked, and many times the young husband taught his wife to smoke during their courtship.

It was "clever and cute" before marriage, but after marriage points of view are apt to undergo a radical change.

"It is, of course, said when women become slaves of nicotine," said Judge Graham. Years ago, he recalled, Mark Twain, addressing a class at Vassar, said: "Girls, don't smoke—that is, don't smoke too much."

The Judge saw no particular vice or homewrecking sin in the smoking of cigarettes.

MISTAKEN FOR BURGLAR.

HUSBAND'S ADVENTURE AS AMATEUR DETECTIVE.

How two amateur detectives who entered a Cleethorpes house during the night in search of evidence were mistaken for burglars was described at Grimsby when Albert Loftus, a fisherman, sought the discharge of a maintenance order granted to his wife alleging adultery with Roland Canroy.

Loftus said that, accompanied by a private inquiry agent named Bagley, he went at midnight to the house where his wife and Canroy lived. When climbing through a window in the dark he overheard a small table, but concealed himself, and Canroy who had dashed downstairs did not see him.

Loftus said he waited an hour and then let Bagley into the house. They were creeping quietly upstairs when a door was flung open. Canroy rushed out, and the impetus of his rush swept all three of them from the top of the stairs to the bottom.

Bagley said no doubt Canroy took them for burglars.

The stipendiary dismissed the application.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

His Excellency and Lady Stubbs' two small dances will take place on Tuesday, January 22, and Thursday, January 31, respectively, and not as previously announced.

On Tuesday, January 8, at 12 noon, His Excellency will unveil the War Memorial which has been placed by the Canadian Pacific Steamships Company in their Hongkong office.

On Tuesday night His Excellency will be present at the dinner party given by the Vice-Chancellor of the University at the Hongkong Hotel, and on Wednesday night His Excellency will entertain the Members of the University Court and the new graduates, to dinner at Government House.

His Excellency and Lady Stubbs will be present at the Congregation, to be held at the University for conferring Degrees, on Wednesday, 9th January, at 5 p.m.

MISSING WILL.

WOMEN'S WINNING WAYS.

Mrs. Ellen Williams, widow of Mr. William Williams, builder, of Rhos-on-Sea, near Colwyn Bay, Denbighshire, sought to establish the contents of a lost will, and Mr. William Williams, the father, contested the claim. The estate is valued at about £4,600.

Mr. Bayford, K.C., for the widow, said that in December 1912 Mr. Williams contemplated going to Canada, and his wife was to remain behind and let apartments. A will was drawn up by the Rev. T. Parry leaving everything to the wife. It was attested by Mr. Parry's son and daughter and handed to the widow, who placed it in a drawer. She last saw it there in September 1922. On December 6, Mr. Williams was found drowned between Rhos and Colwyn Bay. At the inquest a verdict of Found Drowned was returned. In his pocket was a letter addressed to the coroner which ran:

Dear Sir, I am sorry to have caused you all this trouble. It is all come through a woman, and I hope you will warn all men from their winning ways, which have caused a lot of trouble between me and my wife. I am now going to leave all my goods and chattels for her.

Mrs. Williams said when her husband left her on Sunday, December 3, the day he disappeared, they were on perfectly friendly terms, and there had never been any unfriendliness between them except when she found he had not been straight to her.

In reply to Mr. W. O. Willis (representing Mr. Williams' father), Mrs. Williams said she was three years older than her husband.

Mr. Willis: I suggest that you had no reason to doubt his morality, but were always nagging him?—It is not so.

On one occasion she went with her husband to Arcadia, and they there met a former maid servant. Her husband asked her if there was a vacant seat for her in front of them.

Mr. Willis: Did you become very jealous?—Naturally so.

For the defence Mrs. Sarah Williams, wife of Mr. Williams' brother, said that on the day before his disappearance Mr. Williams told her there had been trouble, and said his wife was always either nagging him or the servant. Two days later Mrs. Williams told her she had quarrelled with him on the Saturday night and again on the Sunday morning, and that he said, "I am tired of it" and went out and banged the door.

Mr. Justice Hill gave judgment for the widow.

COFFIN DISCOVERIES.

While excavating the site of the new building to be erected for the Eagle, Star and British Dominions Insurance Co., Ltd., in Threadneedle-street, E. C., workmen discovered a lead coffin about 6 feet below the surface.

Resting upon it, but not fastened to it, was a leaden plate, engraved as follows: "Mrs. Sibilla Anderson. Died 7 January, 1763. Aged 52."

Another plate was discovered that is believed to belong to another coffin which is probably below the one brought to the surface. This plate is inscribed: Mrs. Sibilla Dallas. Died 9 December, 1761. Aged 45.

From the similarity of the Christian names it may be presumed that the coffins contain the bodies of mother and daughter. The spot where the coffins were found is almost exactly behind the statue of Peabody, opposite Threadneedle-street post office.

"The Red Star Line and the Holland-America Line have agreed that from December 1 to March 31 their passenger services to and from New York will be worked on alternate weeks by each company."

DEBTORS IN PRISON.

INCREASE OF 3,728.

SAFETY RAZORS FOR CONVICTS.

More prisoners under sentence were received in 1922-23 than in 1921-22, the Commissioners of Prisons and the Directors of Convict Prisons state in their report. The increase was 3,910, and of this increase no fewer than 3,728 were debtors.

Serious crime, so far as can be judged by commitment to prison, does not appear to be increasing. As last year, the increase in the total number of receptions into prison under sentence is largely due to unemployment. No doubt this increase would be greater than it is were it not for the unemployment benefit.

As regards many debtors, the report states, "the taxpayer maintains them, and the creditor or the woman who is in need of support, usually gets nothing."

Young prisoners received who had no previous convictions were: Boys, 1,500; girls, 156.

The experience of another year confirms the opinion we expressed last year, that persons under 21, if they continue to be committed to prison, should be placed in separate establishments where there are no adults.

NEWS MUSIC, AND LECTURES.

Lectures in prison, the report states, are now more numerous. A brief account of the chief events of public interest during the week is given, usually on Saturday or Sunday.

Concerts of good music have been given regularly in the local prisons and the prison audiences have enjoyed some very fine performances. Education is the object. A light item once in a way is allowed. There is no reason why prisoners should never laugh.

"General shaving," the report states, "has now been introduced, and promotes self-respect."

The men shave themselves, or are shaved, at least two or three times a week. Safety razors only are allowed.

Anchorage, Alaska.—A federal grand jury report, calling for legislation that would compel rigid examination of all employees sent to Alaska during the canning season, has been filed with Judge E. Ritchie at Valdez, Alaska. The report cites a variety of law violations attributed to cannery employees.

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This week's voting contest is run on entirely new lines. Competitors vote for the twelve best cinema pictures they have ever seen. They do not select from any given list, nor do they limit their choice to pictures shown in Hongkong. With \$50 waiting to be won, this is exciting enough; but the contest has greatly added interest because the management of the Coronet Theatre, who are offering the prize this week, announce that they will follow the voting in securing new pictures. Some one must win the \$50!—Why not you?

RULES FOR THE NEW CONTEST.

SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES MADE.

This week's contest is entirely different from the ones that have gone before. The new rules are as follows:—

Cut out the coupon given below. Fill in the TWELVE best cinema pictures you have ever seen. Send the coupon to the *China Mail* office marked "Vote." You may send in as many coupons as you like. Coupons must reach the *China Mail* office by Monday next. Any coupons received by the *China Mail* later than Monday will be disqualified.

The result will be announced in the *China Mail* on Wednesday next week.

Members of the *China Mail* staff and employees of the Coronet Theatre are debarred from entering the contest.

The decision of the Editor upon any points which may arise shall be final.

REACHING THE VERDICT.

Each picture you name will get points, as follows:—

1	.....	Twelve Points.
2	.....	Eleven "
3	.....	Ten "
4	.....	Nine "
5	.....	Eight "
6	.....	Seven "
7	.....	Six "
8	.....	Five "
9	.....	Four "
10	.....	Three "
11	.....	Two "
12	.....	One "

Thus the picture you put first gets twelve points and the picture you put last only one point.

The picture polling the highest total number of points will rank first in the general verdict.

The picture with the next highest total number of points will come second, and so on until the twelve pictures have all been placed.

FINDING THE WINNER.

Each coupon sent in will then be checked over with the general verdict. Every time your coupon has one of the twelve pictures in the general verdict you will be awarded points.

These points will vary according to the position the picture occupies in the general verdict and according to the position you give it in your coupon. You will get twelve points if your coupon has the picture that comes first in the general verdict.

If your coupon has this picture correctly placed in the first position you will get 144 points (12 x 12).

If you have put the picture second you will get 132 points (12 x 11); third 120 points (12 x 10); fourth 108 points (12 x 9); fifth 96 points (12 x 8); sixth 84 points (12 x 7); seventh 72 points (12 x 6); eighth 60 points (12 x 5); ninth 48 points (12 x 4); tenth 36 points (12 x 3); eleventh 24 points (12 x 2); and twelfth 12 points (12 x 1).

If your coupon includes the picture coming second in the general verdict you will get eleven points, multiplied in exactly the same way as above according to the position you give the picture in your coupon.

The same principle applies to every picture in the general verdict down to the twelfth.

All your points will be added up, and the coupon with the highest number of points will win the prize.

This system was evolved by an eminent London firm of chartered accountants for the biggest contest of this kind ever held entailing over 8,000,000 votes.

CUT THIS OUT

To the Editor
China Mail, December 4, 1923.
Hongkong.

Sir,
I consider the following the twelve best films I have ever seen:—

Please write clearly in block letters.

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Name	
Address	



Miss Alice L. Engelhardt.

Miss Alice L. Engelhardt, secretary-treasurer of the Potter Shoe Company, of Cincinnati, has been named as one of the best business women in America. She rose from a \$4-a-week job as stockgirl to her present responsible position. She says hard work alone is responsible for her success.



Miss Grace Holt, wife of Cesare Formichi, Chicago Civic Opera Company baritone, has just arrived in Chicago from Italy "to save" Formichi, she declares, from another woman. She charges that Miss Grace Holt, a Chicago concert singer, is following Formichi all around the world and trying to win him away from his wife.



When Miss Margaret Steiba, daughter of a wealthy New York manufacturer, speeded her racing car in downtown New York, Motorcycle Policeman Walter J. Meyer gave her a summons. In Traffic Court next day she paid a fine of \$25 and hissed at Meyer: "I'll get even with you, Mr. Police man, if it takes a lifetime. You did this, and you'd better watch out!" She visited his beat next day to repeat the threat. Meyer grew apologetic, and an argument ensued. Well, you know how it is. Miss Steiba got even. She married Meyer, with Papa Steiba and Papa Meyer as witnesses.



Children of Empress Zita.

The eight beautiful children of the late ex-Empress Carl and ex-Empress Zita of Austria-Hungary are shown above in this exclusive photograph. The youngest was born shortly after the death of its exiled father on the Island of Madeira. The ex-Empress Zita is said now to be almost destitute. The heir to the Austrian throne, Prince Otto, is at the extreme left of the photograph.



Lieutenant Harold J. Brown.

Lieutenant Harold J. Brown, U.S. Navy, and Lieutenant A. J. Williams, U.S. Navy, alternately rose at Mitchell Field, Long Island, in biplane Navy racers, and beat each other's speed marks and established new world's speed records. Brown finally set a new mark of 259 miles an hour on an average of two flights over a three-kilometer course. At one time he was officially recorded at 265 miles an hour, but his record stands at 259 miles officially.



Queen Maud of Norway.

Queen Maud of Norway caused a stir in England when she appeared at the Newmarket race track with a pair of American horn-rimmed eyeglasses, shattering all royal tradition. Her grandmother, the late Queen of England, once issued an order prohibiting anyone wearing rimmed eyeglasses from entering the royal presence.



Winston Spencer Churchill.

At the instance of Winston Spencer Churchill, former First Lord of the British Admiralty, Lord Alfred Douglas, brother of the Marquis of Queensberry, was held for trial in London on a charge of criminal libel. In a pamphlet, "The Murder of Lord Kitchener and the Truth about the Battle of Jutland and the Jews," Lord Alfred charged that Winston Churchill received a large sum of money from the late Sir Ernest Cassel, after issuing a false bulletin regarding the Battle of Jutland. At a previous trial both Lord Balfour and Churchill swore the latter had nothing to do with issuing the bulletin.



Mrs. Owen McKenna.

The daughter of the Earl of Stradbroke, Governor of Victoria, Australia, who last Spring married Owen McKenna, wireless operator on a British liner, is seeking a job as a seamstress, according to a statement she made to the *London Daily Sketch*. The young bride was Lady Pleasance Elizabeth Rous. She declares she has never been happier in her life, but that she must earn money. McKenna left the sea when he married and is employed in London. The couple live in a lodging house.

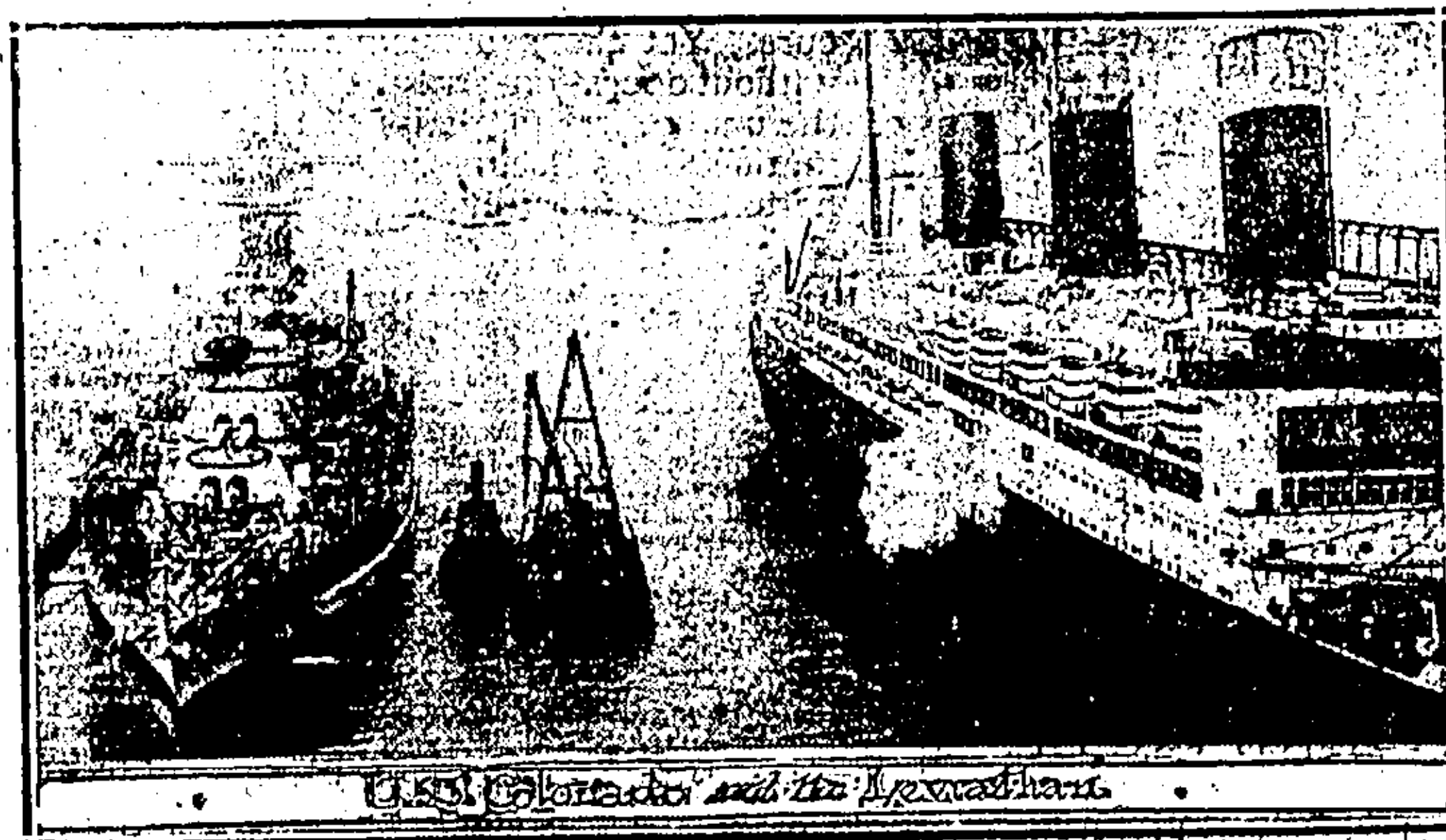


Richard Dieter.

Above is pictured Richard Dieter, telephone operator in the fashionable Crescent Athletic Club, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who left his coat on the span of a bridge across the East River and then fled to Blackstone, Mass., where he was caught and brought back to New York. He declared he fled because he feared death at the hands of E. F. Jeffe, assistant sales manager of the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Edison Company. He admitted he had picked up and pasted together scraps of letters written to Jeffe by a Philadelphia married woman and had been questioned about the letters by friends of Mrs. Jeffe, who is estranged from her husband. Jeffe, he said, had threatened him for doing this.



What Israel Zangwill, famous English playwright, thinks of America, he says with brickbats. Americans are just a vulgar joke to Zangwill. He said it right out in meeting in New York City. America's part in world affairs has been silly all along, if not seriously blameworthy. America got into the war too late and then sneaked away. Immigration laws exasperate Zangwill. Christ Himself, he asserted, couldn't get into the country, because he had been in jail. America has little honour, dignity or justice. Also no prohibition to-day. The people think without acting and act without thinking.



The superdreadnought "Colorado," largest battleship afloat, was moved temporarily into a unique position—alongside the largest liner owned by America and the second largest in the world—the "Leviathan"—in New York Harbour. This is the first time an accurate comparison between the largest warship and the largest liner has ever been obtained, and the mighty "Colorado" seems like a towboat alongside the "Leviathan."

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ARRIVALS.

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DEPARTURES.

Colorado, (Bank Line) for Manila—January 4.
Tallec, (Yee Tai Hong) for Weihaiwei—January 4.
Amherst, (On Fat) for Haiphong—January 4.
Goldshell, (A.P.C. Tarakan) for Hiphong—January 4.
Kwelyang, (B. & S.) for Amoy—January 4.
Chenah, (B. & S.) for Pakhoi—January 4.
Celebes, Maru, (O. S. K.) for Kobe—January 4.
Shantung, (B. & S.) for Swatow—January 4.
Yusung, (I. M. & Co.) for Swatow—January 4.
Haiching, (Douglas & Co.) for Swatow—January 4.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

For O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" Capt. L. D. Douglas, R.N.R. Commander, will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai (Wooing), Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on Jan. 10.
The B. F. S. "Ixion" left Liverpool on Dec. 8 for Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due here on or about Jan. 12.
The A. O. L. S. "Eikon" is expected to arrive from New York via ports on January 13.
The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports and Shanghai on Dec. 17 and is due here on Jan. 16.
The B. F. S. "Agapenor" left Liverpool on Dec. 15 for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai and Kobe and is due here on or about Jan. 17.
The A.O.L. S. "Osprom" sailed from Vancouver on Dec. 16 and is expected here on or about Jan. 10.
The B. F. S. "Phoenia" left Liverpool on Dec. 23 for Panama, Port Swettenham, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Cebu and Japan and is due here on or about Jan. 25.
The B. F. S. "Prometheus" left Liverpool on Dec. 13 for Singapore, Hongkong and Japan and is due here on or about Jan. 20.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 4.
U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai.....Free. Wilson
SATURDAY, JANUARY 5.
Australia and Manila.....Kai
SUNDAY, JANUARY 6.
EUROPE via Megapam Letters only London Dec. 6. Japan
LONDON Letters via Brindisi 4th Dec. Monitor
MONDAY, JANUARY 7.
Australia and Manila.....St. Albans
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12.
Australia and Manila.....Aki Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4.
Japan.....Bandong, Mats. 5 p.m.
Shanghai.....Soochow 5 p.m.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 5.
Kwangchow.....Yue Ying Wa. 8.30 a.m.
Hoibow and Haiphong.....Chongchow 8.30 a.m.
Manila.....Titoon 10.30 p.m.
Sunday.....Maungang Noon.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 6.
Arafura.....Yingchow 2.30 p.m.
Hainan.....Yingchow 2.30 p.m.
Sicilia.....Yingchow 3.30 p.m.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8.
Manila, Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu
and San Francisco—due San Francisco
5th Feb.
Sung Bo.....9 a.m.
Sung Bo.....9 a.m.
Amakusa Maru.....9 a.m.
MONDAY, JANUARY 7.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central
and South America & EUROPE via
VICTORIA, B.C.—due Victoria B.C.
24th Jan. Parcel 1st Sat day 5 p.m.
Registration 7th Monday 8 a.m. Letters
8.30 a.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius,
L. Maroon, South Africa, India,
via Dhanushkodi, Aden, Egypt and
EUROPE via Marseilles—due
Marseilles 8th Feb. 1914. Registration
1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8.
Shanghai and Japan
Swatow and Benckou
Straits, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles
—due Marseilles 8th Feb. Registration
0.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow
Shanghai
Japan
Manila
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Maroon,
South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi,
Aden, Egypt and Bombay
Manila
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central
and South America & EUROPE via
Vancouver B.C.—due Vancouver 9th
Jan. Parcel 5 p.m. 10th Thursday
Registration 0.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Maroon,
South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi,
Aden, Egypt and Bombay
Manila
THURSDAY, JANUARY 10.
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Maroon,
South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi,
Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due
Marseilles 11th Feb. Registration 8.45
a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 11.
Japan
Manila, AUSTRIA & New Zealand via
Thursday Island—due Thursday Island
27th Jan. 1914. Registration 8.45 a.m.
Letters 9.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Maroon,
South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi,
Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due
Marseilles 11th Feb. Registration 8.45
a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12.
Japan
Manila, AUSTRIA & New Zealand via
Thursday Island—due Thursday Island
27th Jan. 1914. Registration 8.45 a.m.
Letters 9.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Maroon,
South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi,
Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due
Marseilles 11th Feb. Registration 8.45
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WEATHER REPORT.

January 4d. 11h. 33m.—Pressure has increased moderately at Vladivostok and Chefoo. It has decreased slightly from Formosa to Indo-China and is nearly stationary over the Philippines.
A new anticyclone has formed over S.E. Mongolia. Moderate monsoon may be expected over the China Sea.
Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.01 inches, against an average of 0.10 inches.
Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on January 5, 1924:
1.—Formosa, Channel, N.E. winds, moderate; sea.
2.—South coast of China between Hainan and Looe, N.E. winds, moderate; sea.
3.—Hongkong to Gag Rock, N.E. winds, moderate; sea.
4.—South coast of China between Hainan and Looe, N.E. winds, moderate; sea.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HONGKONG.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

JANUARY 4, 1924.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Wind.
Vladivostok	4 a.m.	30.19	11	—	NNE	4	b
Verners	1 a.	—	—	—	NNE	4	b
Yokodato	—	—	—	—	NNE	4	b
Tokio	—	—	—	—	NNE	4	b
Sasebo	—	—	—	—	NNE	4	b
Kagoshima.	—	—	—	—	NNE	4	b
Osibima	—	—	—	—	NNE	4	b
Naha	—	—	—	—	NNE	4	b
Shimizu	—	—	—	—	NNE	4	b
Shanghai	—	—	—	—	NNE	4	b
Chfoo	6 a.	28.30	33	61	NW	1	b
Hankow	—	—	—	—	NNE	4	b
Ichang	—	—	—	—	NNE	4	b
Chungking	—	—	—	—	NNE	4	b
Yanching	—	30.33	32	89	N	1	b
Yanching	—	30.34	40	100	NNE	2	b
Sharp. Pk.	7 a.	30.19	58	88	N	0	b
Amoy	9 a.	30.20	60	93	NNE	1	b
Swatow	8	30.29	62	93	N	0	b
Yokohama	8	30.20	57	—	N	0	b
Yokohama	—	30.15	59	—	NNE	4	b
Taiwan	—	30.14	68	—	N	4	b
Koshun	—	30.10	63	—	NNE	4	b
Pescadorees	—	—	—	—	N	4	b
Canton	6	30.19	68	78	N	0	b
Yokohama	—	30.20	—	—	NNE	4	b
Gau Rank.	—	30.18	59	85	N	4	b
Waco	9 a.	—	—	—	NNE	4	b
Wuchow	—	—	—	—	NNE	4	b
Yokohama	—	—	—	—	NNE	4	b
Yokohama	7 a.	30.29	59	95	NW	2	b
Yokohama	—	30.13	66	—	NNE	4	b
St. Johns	—	29.97	70	—	NW	2	b
Admiral	5 a.	—	—	—	NNE	4	b
Yokohama	—	30.18	66	98	N	0	b
Yokohama	—	29.89	66	98	N	0	b
Yokohama	—	—	—	—	NNE	4	b
Yokohama	—	29.89	73	98	N	4	b
Yokohama	—	—	—	—	NNE	4	b
Yokohama	4.30	—	—	—	NNE	6	b
Yokohama	6.47	59.81	81	—	NNE	6	b
Yokohama	6 a.	29.82	78	46	N	6	b